AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which can be administered orally, consisting essentially of efletirizine as active principle, with at least one fraction which allows immediate release of the efletirizine and at least one fraction which allows prolonged release of the efletirizine, the respective amounts of active principle in the two fractions being the values included on or between the two straight lines defined by the following equations:

$$Y = -0.6786X + 56.675$$

$$Y = -0.6636X + 7.975$$

in which,

Y represents the amount of efletirizine in milligrams (mg) in the immediate-release fraction, and

X represents the amount of efletirizine in milligrams (mg) in the prolonged-release fraction, and

the total amount X + Y being between 10 and 70 mg;

wherein

the two fractions are provided in the form of a two-layer tablet,

wherein

the weight ratio of the amount of active principle in the immediate-release fraction to the amount of active principle in the prolonged-release fraction is between 3 and 0.025,

wherein

the prolonged-release fraction contains an excipient of matricial type,

wherein

the immediate-release fraction contains an excipient selected from the group consisting of

diluents, binders, disintegrating agents, lubricants and flow enhancers, taste-masking agents, flavorings and colorants

and wherein

the composition is ~~administered in~~ a single daily dose, while obtaining the desired therapeutic effect.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fraction which allows prolonged release of the efletirizine contains less than 5% by weight of basifying agent, weight relative to the total weight of the fraction.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fraction which allows prolonged release of the efletirizine contains 25 mg of efletirizine and the fraction which allows immediate release of the efletirizine contains 10 mg of efletirizine.

Claim 9 (New) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of the amount of efletirizine in the immediate-release fraction to the amount of efletirizine in the prolonged-release fraction is between 1.6 and 0.05.

Claim 10 (New) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the prolonged-release fraction contains as excipients dibasic calcium phosphate hydrate, hydroxypropylmethlycellulose, microcrystalline cellulose, colloidal silica and magnesium stearate

and wherein

the immediate release fraction contains as excipients lactose monohydrate, monocrystalline cellulose, colloidal silica, and magnesium stearate.